

# MEDINA ELEMENTARY FAMILY NEWSLETTER



## IMPORTANT DATES

8/27 – Teacher Assignments released to families by EOD

8/30 – Back to School Info Day

9/1 – Grades 1-5 - 1<sup>st</sup> Day

9/1 – 1<sup>st</sup> Day Principal Coffee (Grades 1-5) @ 8:15

9/3 – KINDERGARTEN - 1<sup>st</sup> Day

9/3 – General PTA Meeting @ 8:10

9/3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Day Principal Coffee for Kindergarten Families immediately following PTA mtg

9/6 – LABOR DAY (NO SCHOOL)

9/7 – NO SCHOOL FOR KINDER

9/10 – School Picture Day

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

MEDINA ELEMENTARY  
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AUGUST 27, 2021

LAURIE HARVEY, PRINCIPAL  
ASHLEY KARDOS, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPALS

*Hi Tiger Families,*

*We look forward to seeing our students next week and hope this newsletter will support answering any questions you may have. For those of you who were able to join us on Thursday for our Covid Health and Safety presentation, it was wonderful being able to make this small connection with you. We look forward to many opportunities over the course of the school year of connecting with you, our Medina community.*

Warmly,  
Laurie and Ashley

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## HEALTH & SAFETY ORIENTATION INFO

Please see our Health & Safety PPT from 8/26 on our website: <https://bsd405.org/medina/> This PPT will also review schedules, arrival logistics, dismissal, lunch and recess. Please note that any maps are subject to change.

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## ADJUSTMENT TO MEET & GREET ON 8/30

[LINK FOR BACK TO SCHOOL DAY + MEET & GREET](#)

This year students will enter their classroom from the designated exterior classroom doors (K, 1<sup>st</sup>), or staircase (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> gr). Our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will enter the building through the main front doors. This plan, which will then mirror how students will enter and exit school daily, will aid them in practicing their entry each day. We will have adults throughout the exterior and interior to support this new process. This plan will also significantly reduce the amount of physical traffic moving throughout the building at the start and end of each day, promoting health and safety for all. Teachers will email families to let them know of the time they will be stepping out of their rooms for a brief meeting with their parents. The focus on our Meet & Greet will be largely on students getting to meet their teacher, see their classroom and where they'll be sitting and to see some of their peers who will be in their class. Students will also remain in their classroom during their visitation time, and not to travel to other areas in the building during our Meet & Greet. We thank you in advance for your flexibility and understanding for asking parents to remain outside.

# BSD BAND AND ORCHESTRA EXPECTATIONS

- **Performing Arts guidance** applies to classes and performances
  - Indoors
    - Minimum of 3 feet of physical distance, more if possible
    - Aerosol producing performers (singers, woodwinds, theater, etc.) need 3 layer surgical masks which will be provided
    - Students may temporarily lower mask or use a mask with a slit while playing
    - Hand hygiene should be practiced when using shared equipment
    - Bell covers will be provided
  - Outdoors
    - 3 feet of physical distance recommended
    - Bell covers recommended
- **PE classes are curricular classes** and are not considered sporting activities
  - Students must wear masks at all times indoors during PE classes
  - Masks are not required outdoors

## Medina's 2021-2022 Daily Schedule

M-T-Th-F Schedule 8:05-2:35		Wednesday Schedule 8:05-12:20	
Office Hours	7:45 - 3:15	Office Hours	7:45 - 3:15
School Doors Open	7:55	School Doors Open	7:55
Class Begins	8:05	Class Begins	8:05
<b>AM Recess Schedule</b>		No AM Recess	
K/1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	9:15-9:35		
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	9:40-10:00		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	10:05-10:25		
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10:30-10:50		
<b>Lunch / PM Recess Schedule</b>		<b>Recess &amp; Lunch Schedule</b> *Recess before lunch	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	10:50-11:10 / 11:10-11:30	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	9:40-10:00 R / 10:00-10:20 L
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11:20-11:40 / 11:40-12:00	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10:05-10:25 R / 10:25-10:45 L
K/1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	11:50-12:10 / 12:10-12:30	K/1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	10:35-10:55 R / 10:55-11:15 L
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	12:20-12:40 / 12:40-1:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	11:05-11:25 R / 11:25-11:45 L
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12:50-1:10 / 1:10-1:30	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11:35-11:55 R / 11:55-12:15 L
<b>PM Recess Schedule</b>			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	1:30-1:50		
School Dismisses	2:35	School Dismisses	12:20

**NOTE:** Students will have up to 25 mins to finish lunch if needed.

## KINDERGARTEN & 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE STUDENT TOUR

To further support our smallest kiddos and their transition to Medina, Dr. Harvey and Mrs. Kardos will be running a brief tour of Medina for incoming Kindergarteners and 1<sup>st</sup> Graders only at 12:35-12:50 on Monday, 8/30 after our Teacher Meet & Greet. The tour will leave promptly, so please be sure to arrive before 12:35. **We are not allowing siblings or families on this tour – only students.**



### NEW MEMBERS OF OUR GSA SUPPORT TEAM

*My name is Jyoti Rasal. I am originally from Pune, India and a proud BSD parent since 2011. My daughter recently graduated from Interlake Highschool and my son is in 7th grade in Odle. I am connected with BSD as a parent volunteer from 2011 and have worked with Stevenson, Cherry Crest, Odle and Interlake. I am a proud recipient of the prestigious Washington State PTSA's Golden Acorn Award in 2020. I love gardening! I am excited to join the Medina team! **Jyoti will work with 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade.***



*Hi! My name is Molly Tokuda. I am from Seattle and love all things dogs. I have three of my own- Kona, Max, and Marley. When I am not working, I am most likely outside with my dogs. I am excited to start my new journey as a General School Assistant. Go Tigers! **Molly will work with 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade.***



Eric Fehlinger is new to Medina Elementary and the PNW in general, just having moved to the area in early August! A Pennsylvania native, Eric spent the last seven years as a Middle School English teacher and instructional coach in Washington DC. Eric is glad to continue supporting students and literacy as he joins the Medina community this year. Outside of education, Eric loves reading, hiking, traveling, and rooting for his favorite hockey team (*the Washington Capitals*)...but he will also cheer on the Seattle Kraken this season! **Eric will work with 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.**

**Andrew Jones will work with 4<sup>th</sup> Grade.**

**Mary Albertson will work with Kindergarten.**

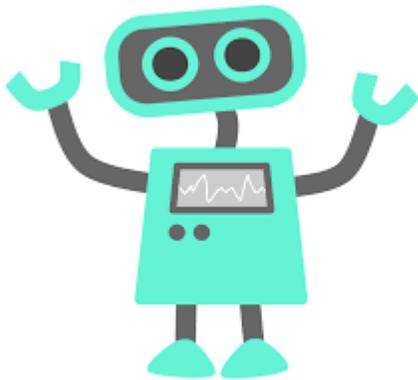
**Debbie McGough will work with 1<sup>st</sup> Grade.**



## LUNCH UPDATE

Thank you for filling out our lunch preference survey. Assignments will stay in place until 10/7 and we will revisit preferences at that time.

Based off our survey results and enrollment results, we will have enough chairs to provide a chair for every student who will engage in outdoor lunch.



## TECHNOLOGY UPDATE: DEVICE DEPLOYMENTS

All New Bellevue School District Students: will checkout their District-issued device from their home school starting **Monday, August 30**. Schools will coordinate the distribution schedule that works best for their students and school schedule.

Kindergarteners: will be issued an iPad within the first few weeks of school. Timing will depend upon 2<sup>nd</sup> graders' timely return of devices.

Second Graders: **Returning 2<sup>nd</sup> graders** will exchange their current school-issued iPad, power cord and stylus for a new Lenovo 11e laptop at their school's laptop deployment day. **Newly enrolled 2<sup>nd</sup> graders** will also get a Lenovo 11e laptop.



## TRAVEL QUARANTINE

Bellevue School District continues to follow King County Health Department quarantine rules for travel. Anyone traveling out of Washington State who is unvaccinated is asked to quarantine for 7 days and have a COVID test taken the 3-5th day after your return. If you have any questions, or if your student will be traveling out of state the week before school starts, please email [medinaattendance@bsd405.org](mailto:medinaattendance@bsd405.org) - all quarantine days are excused.

Additional information about the statewide Travel Quarantine can be found here: <https://bsd405.org/services/health/covid-19-health-and-safety/domestic-and-international-travel/> District guidelines for covid protocol and procedures can be found here: <https://bsd405.org/services/health/covid-19-health-and-safety/>